

XV.—*A new Bat from the Key Islands.*

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*Rhinolophus achilles*, sp. n.

Allied to *Rh. mitratus* and *Rh. philippinensis*, but the aural and nasal membranes even more developed, the ears suggesting those of a *Nycteris*, and the nose-leaf that of a *Megaderma*. Nose-leaf in essential structure as in *philippinensis*, but much larger; expansion of horizontal base of sella very wide, its greatest breadth equalling or exceeding the height of the vertical part of the sella, and double the corresponding breadth in *philippinensis*; it is broader posteriorly, tapering evenly forward, while in the allied species the anterior and posterior breadths are more nearly equal. Horseshoe membrane much broader than the muzzle; terminal nose-leaf large, not acutely pointed. Ears enormous, reaching when laid forward nearly half an inch beyond the long muzzle, their shape about as in *philippinensis*, the notch behind the antitragus much deeper than in *mitratus*. Lower lip with three grooves. Fur dark brown above, rather greyer below. Wings to the end of the tibiæ. Extreme tip of tail projecting.

Dimensions of the type (an adult male, in spirit):—

Forearm 55·5 millim.

Head and body 55; tail 31; hind foot, including claws, 11; head 25; ear from inner base 30; nose-leaf 21 × 12; sella, height 8·5, breadth of basal expansion 8·5. Lower leg 24.

*Hab.* Key Islands.

*Type.* B.M. no. 99. 12. 4. 5.

This species may be readily distinguished from any known *Rhinolophus* by the unusual development of its ears and nasal membranes.

XVI.—*The Geographical Races of the Tayra* (*Galictis barbara*), with Notes on Abnormally Coloured Individuals.

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ON laying out the British Museum series of the Tayra it is seen at once that it falls readily, apart from the colour abnormalities to be mentioned further on, into three geographical colour races—Mexican, Central American, and South American; and in trying to put the proper subspecific names on each of them I find that the whole of the many technical names that occur in the synonymy of the Tayra have been applied to examples from Guiana, Brazil, Paraguay, or Peru, none of them therefore being available for the two northern